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SUBJECT: ROMMEL ROBERTS RELEASED; CROSSROADS DEVELOPMENTS

REF: CAPE TOWN 1272

1. COMMUNITY SOCIAL WORKER ROMMEL ROBERTS, DETAINED BY SECURITY POLICE THREE WEEKS AGO, WAS RELEASED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON (JULY 26) AND RETURNED TO WORK THIS MORNING (JULY 27). HE HAD NO COMPLAINTS ABOUT HIS TREATMENT, OTHER THAN BEING REFUSED READING AND WRITING MATERIALS (THIS IS NOT UNUSUAL, BUT THERE APPARENTLY IS NO UNIFORM PRACTICE).

2. ROBERTS HAS THUS FAR BEEN RELUCTANT TO DISCUSS WITH ANYONE THE REASONS FOR HIS DETENTION, BUT IT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN FOR SOMETHING OTHER THAN HIS CROSSROADS INVOLVEMENT.

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3. MEANWHILE, LEADERS OF ALL MAJOR FAITHS IN THE WESTERN CAPE -CHRISTIAN, JEWISH AND MUSLIM - ARE SUPPORTING IN MAJOR DAY OF PRAYER RALLY THIS SUNDAY JULY 30 AT CROSSROADS. A PETITION ON BEHALF OF CROSSROADS IS BEING CIRCULATED, WITH THE STRONG SUPPORT OF THE PFP. SEVEN THOUSAND SIGNATURES HAVE BEEN COLLECTED THUS FAR.

4. THE GOVERNMENT, HOWEVER, REMAINS APPARENTLY UNMOVED BY THESE EXTENSIVE GRASS ROOTS EFFORTS TO SAVE CROSS-ROADS. BRIGADIER VAN DER WESTHUIZEN, CHAIRMAN OF THE PENINSULA ADMINISTRATION BOARD, YESTERDAY (JULY 26) ATTEMPTED TO JUSTIFY THE PENDING CROSSROADS DEMOLITION BEFORE A JEERING AND HISsing CROWD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN. HE DESCRIBED THE SETTLEMENT AS CRIME-RIDDEN, A HEALTH AND FIRE HAZARD, AND CONCLUDED: "THESE PEOPLE CANNOT BE ALLOWED TO STAY. THEY ARE TAKING JOBS THAT UNEMPLOYED PEOPLE WHO HAVE A RIGHT TO BE IN CAPE TOWN (I.E., COLOREDS) COULD DO."

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